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U.S. attorney investigates former GW employee

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
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The U.S. attorney's office is investigating former GW employee Donald Driver for allegedly selling fraudulent visas to international students wanting to attend the university, The Washington Post reported last week.

The U.S. attorney's office opened the investigation in December, shortly after Driver was fired from the University Nov. 15, the Post reported. The investigation involves allegations that Driver planned to sell fake visas to foreign students.

Driver was fired from his job as director of GW's Office of International Services Nov. 15 after GW conducted an internal investigation of his activities.

According to The Post, university officials became concerned about Driver as early as last September, when complaints about his dealings with international students came to their attention. They placed him on leave and after the investigation, fired him.

Driver has already been named as the defendant in a lawsuit filed by Hamad Alqahtani, a student who wanted to transfer from Northern Virginia Community College to GW and had dealt with Driver. The suit alleges, among other things, that Driver told Alqahtani he would have to pay Driver \$10,000 or have sex with an unidentified male GW employee before he would be accepted to GW.

Alqahtani said in the suit that several other Arab students told him they had the same kinds of problems with Driver.

University officials told The GW Hatchet two weeks ago that Driver was under federal investigation. However, they did not say what federal agency was investigating him or when the investigation had begun.

GW is not under investigation by the U.S. attorney, GW Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman told The Post. However, the university is named as a defendant in Alqahtani's lawsuit. He charged both Driver and admissions officer Cathy Onion with racial discrimination in the suit.

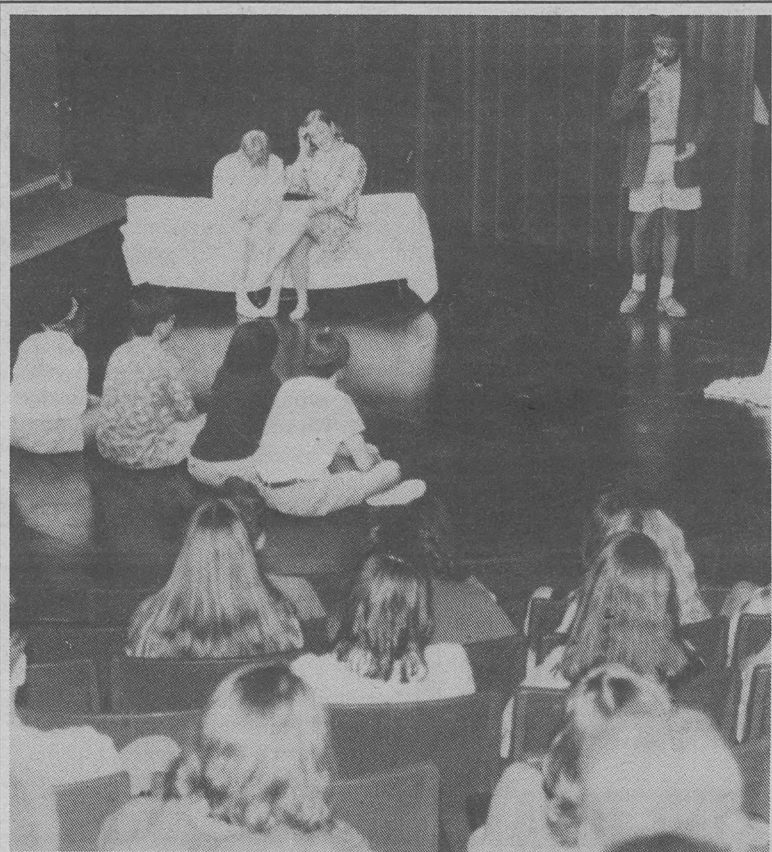


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Incoming freshmen watch members of the Colonial Cabinet perform skits about college life at one of last week's Colonial Inaugurations. The first of this year's orientation sessions for the Class of 1999 began last Monday.

GW, ServiceMaster could break contract

Food service provider may leave after only one year; ARAMark is possible replacement

BY JARED SHER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Barring a last-minute breakthrough in negotiations, ServiceMaster will end its tenure as GW's dining services provider just one year into a five-year contract.

The food service provider and the University had a falling out during contract renegotiation talks. The firm sought to increase prices and cut hours of operation in order to make more money, Mike Freedman, GW's director of public affairs, said.

"There is no question it's their desire to cease services as of June 30," Freedman said. "They're seeking out of the contract."

He said that over the last year, ServiceMaster has expressed its desire to terminate its contract with the school unless the University gave them the concessions they were asking for.

"The University has determined that the concessions they're seeking are not in the best interests of the students," Freedman said.

ServiceMaster came to GW after outbidding Marriott Corp. for the food services contract in 1993. The firm pledged to provide new ser-

vices and more variety to the school's dining options.

Its main contribution in this area, the J Street food court, was built to replace an aging Marvin Center dining facility in 1994. The cost of renovations to the Grand Marketplace remain the main sticking point in the negotiations.

ServiceMaster announced it would pay for the new facility when planning for it began last year. The funding, however, was provided through a GW loan that could be repaid from profits over the course of the contract, Freedman said.

As a result, GW will not simply let the provider out of its contract. While ServiceMaster may want to end its services at the end of the month, Freedman said the University expects the firm to live up to the contract until negotiations are completed.

"I've been notified that I'm operating here until June 30 and not any further than that," said George Cushman, a ServiceMaster employee who is the director of Dining Services at GW.

Cushman refused to comment on the specifics of the contract.

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GW recruit's victim offered scholarship

Parker apologizes; girl drops lawsuit

BY BEN OSBORNE
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GW added an unusual new chapter to the Richie Parker story Friday when the University announced that it was extending a scholarship offer to the 17-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted by the potential GW basketball recruit.

At the same time, the girl dropped a civil suit she had filed against Parker after he apologized to her in a telephone call last week.

In addition to the criminal charges that led to Parker being sentenced to five years' probation in January, the victim had filed an \$11 million civil suit against Parker, claiming physical and psychological damages from the attack.

She dropped the civil suit after Parker apologized to her by phone Wednesday and in a public statement Thursday. Part of the settlement, according to The Washington Post, involves Parker giving the girl a portion of whatever earnings he makes if he plays professional basketball.

"I spoke with my former schoolmate and told her that I am sorry for any hurt I caused her and her family," Parker said in a statement issued by his attorney. "I am sorry for causing that pain. She accepted my apology and my offer to make this apology public."

During Thursday's phone interview that served as his public apology notice, Parker was reported to be wearing a GW hat, fueling the speculation that he could indeed be headed to GW as a scholarship athlete.

According to The Post, GW attorney Linda Schutjer reached the girl's attorney after news of the apology with the offer for a full, four-year academic scholarship.

GW Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak, who has confirmed that GW is recruiting Parker, said in a writ-

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photo by Dave Flintzen

ServiceMaster will likely close the gates on its dining services contract with GW, which may mean some changes in the setup at J Street.

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Talkin' loud and sayin' nothing

Who is to blame for Parker recruitment? All of us

I'm genuinely frightened about my school.

I'm afraid that my school is starting down the path of Southern Methodist and Miami, both private, urban universities, both intoxicated by a taste of success, both tarnished. SMU built a football powerhouse in the early '80s, then was forced to shut it down for three years after a shocking number of recruiting and academic violations. Miami came from virtually nowhere to win its first national championship in football in 1983 and now is the most notoriously corrupt program in the country.

Sure, they had their moments in the spotlight - Miami is still dominant - and sure, athletics helped make each school a household name, but at what cost? Joe Public doesn't think solely of athletics, but crooked athletics. Worse, where is academics in that

equation?

Am I overreacting to GW's recruitment of Richie Parker, a kid who forced a 15-year-old girl to have sex with him and a friend? I don't think so. A downward spiral of a thousand miles begins with a single slip.

So for the second time in two months, our campus is throwing up its collective hands in disbelief. And looking for someone to blame.

The blame doesn't really lie with Richie Parker. After all, while he committed a completely reprehensible act, he has been punished in a court of law, and the maelstrom he is about to step into on this campus is a much larger issue than he. And Parker did not give himself a full ride.

Nor should any blame lie with the victim, a high school junior who dropped her suit against Parker the same day she accepted a full ride to GW (giving new

meaning to the term "early decision"). If I was in her shoes, I'd accept it too. Sure, the school has made her a public relations pawn by brazenly throwing money her way, but a hundred grand doesn't grow on trees.

So that leaves the basketball program, the administration and its apparent insistence on selling our university's soul. Since the Sweet 16 appearance in 1993, apparently nothing less will do. Going to the NIT is no longer acceptable, even though last year's applicants, the biggest and brightest group in school history, didn't seem to mind.

The administration, of course, has its reasons, such as the assumption that not admitting Parker would be akin to punishing him yet again. But it's not - in fact, we could get into a lengthy debate over whether Parker was punished enough. Denying admis-

sion means that he did not meet GW's admissions standards, nothing more or less. It happens to thousands of law-abiding high school seniors every year.

Besides, isn't that little question on the application about having been convicted a felony in the last five years there for a reason? Two students got expelled last spring for making fake IDs (many GW students would have just as soon given the pair a medal). Meanwhile, our University is about to effectively lionize and give a full ride to someone who sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl.

President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, coach Mike Jarvis, Athletic Director Jack Kvacz and others insist that Richie Parker deserves another chance. And you know what? They're absolutely right. We really don't know Richie Parker at all; for all we know he could turn everything around.

But this kid didn't make his mistakes on the court, the place where GW wants his "redemption" to take place. I'd truly be convinced that anyone really cared about Parker - not to mention the victim - if he was given a job at a battered women's shelter, where he could gain real-world job experience, earn a little money, put his past behind him and most importantly, learn what his "mistake" truly meant. Instead, he'll skate by the minimum academic

requirement and jump right with a full ride and a starting position.

But the administration cannot assume all of the responsibility. Soon, the blame could lie with

That's what disturbs me the most. We all know that this is an apathetic university. What has broken through that malaise more often than anything else? Basketball. Does anyone remember the campus being as unified and excited as it was after the win against UMass last February? when GW gave Michigan the seal of its life in the '93 Sweet 16?

Believe it or not, most of us are just as likely to be lead astray by a ballplayer's talent as the administration is. Just imagine the number of people who are crying foul at Parker's recruitment now, but won't hesitate to scream their lungs out when he sinks a three-point shot next year's UMass game. How quickly we'll forget.

If this happens - and it will - should Parker come to school here - we'll be no less hypocritical than the administration is being right now. And that's what the University is banking on. So when we raise hell about this issue while we rightfully worry about our school selling its soul, let's make sure our own emotions and allegiances are in order. And let's not forget that we are as capable of deciding GW's path as anyone in Rice Hall.

-David Larime

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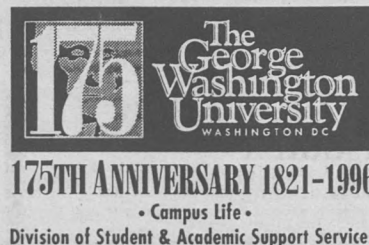
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GW gets early start on 1996 rain plan

JARED SHER
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to commencement ceremonies, GW doesn't want to make the same mistake twice.

After a thunderstorm forced the University to cancel the 1995 commencement, officials immediately began designing contingency plans for next year.

GW was criticized after it failed to have an adequate rain plan to accommodate an estimated 20,000 graduates and guests last month. The school had planned its outdoor ceremony for the Ellipse May 14, but bad weather forced the commencement speakers into the newly renovated Marvin Betts Theatre.

The small Marvin Center venue was left half-filled with doctoral students and a scattering of other graduates while GW broadcast the abbreviated ceremony on closed circuit TV.

GW Vice President for Administrative and Information Services Peter Bortz said the University already started to plan for next year's 175th Anniversary ceremony and will have contingency plans in place by then.

Prior to the weather problems officials faced last month, GW had been forced to cancel its outdoor ceremonies on the Ellipse because they began in 1992. The school did not have a rain plan in place this year. In fact, the commencement Guide said the ceremony would take place "rain or shine" and asked people to bring "a sense of humor."

Only when lightning intervened on May 14 did officials realize the need for an alternative plan. But weather engagements prevented GW from using either of its two on-campus facilities for an alternative ceremony. Neither the Smith Center nor the Lisner Auditorium were available.

"We did not foresee catastrophic events," Bortz said. He said the University is considering several options for next

year. One possibility involves handing out diplomas on the Saturday before Commencement. This way, students would receive their diplomas and school awards at individual ceremonies for each college.

If rain hampers ceremonies on Sunday, graduates and their guests could come back to campus. The University will schedule the Smith Center for three ceremonies at two-hour intervals with a video feed of the program to other campus sites.

Other alternatives include holding the ceremony at USAir Arena if weather becomes a problem. Bortz admitted, however, that this plan poses problems because transportation of 20,000 guests would be difficult.

In addition, RFK Stadium may be an option, as some of its seats are covered.

The Washington Convention Center is not an option because it is not available that weekend, Bortz said.

In previous years, GW did have contingency plans in place for its outdoor ceremonies. The University planned to bring people back to campus for ceremonies in the Smith Center and Lisner Auditorium.

The unprecedented number of people participating in the program this year prevented the use of this plan.

"In terms of the number of people graduating and those who chose to participate, that would have worked then (in 1992)," Bortz said. "However, over the years, it's grown (to 20,000 people) so we focused all our attention and staff on the Ellipse site."

The 175th anniversary will pose even bigger problems, when GW hosts a unified Commencement with the law and medical schools joining the regular group of graduates. In addition, the University has invited the 1995 graduates back next year.

-Kynan Kelly contributed to this report.

Smokers out of luck inside Marvin Center

Officials move toward University-wide ban

JIM GERAGHTY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Smokers are no longer allowed to light up in the Marvin Center, marking the latest step in a GW effort toward limiting smoking in campus buildings.

Acting Director of the Marvin Center Johnnie Osborne said the Marvin Center Governing Board decided the decision "in the interest of safety and second-hand smoke." Osborne said the idea had been discussed over the last couple of years, but was not enacted until last year.

"We haven't had many complaints. We had one person who said the word 'fascist' on a sign, but we've had no verbal complaints," Osborne said.

Many members of the GW community have responded positively, however. Osborne said some people stepped into applause during a training session with student employees on the new policy was presented.

Osborne said the policy reflects current attitudes about the harm-

ful side effects of smoking, especially on non-smokers.

"In society, people are becoming more and more concerned about their health," he said.

Smoking already was banned in J Street and in all other areas of the Marvin Center, with the exception of two smoking lounges.

Although there is no official University-wide ban on smoking, steps have been taken to limit the areas where smokers and non-smokers will be forced to coexist. The student handbook states that "recognizing that the inhalation of tobacco is hazardous to health, the University is taking positive steps toward providing a more smoke-free environment for students, faculty, and staff."

Most recently, University Librarian Jack Siggins reached a decision with University administrators to declare Gelman Library smoke-free in March.

The Faculty Senate also examined a proposal last semester to ban smoking in all University buildings except residence halls.

NEWS BRIEFS

Adams Hall elevator fills with smoke, causes evacuation

Adams Hall was evacuated June 7 after an elevator motor shorted out and filled the elevator shaft with smoke, University Police said.

UPD Director Dolores Stafford said a UPD officer was on patrol in Adams Hall about 10 p.m. June 7 when he smelled smoke. UPD evacuated residents from the building and called the D.C. Fire Department to the scene.

Stafford said the broken motor did not cause a fire, but only filled the area with smoke. The elevator is being repaired.

No one was hurt in the incident.

GW to open Alexandria center for graduate education

The University will open a graduate education center in September 1995, offering a number of evening and weekend programs for college graduates wishing to continue their education.

A University statement said the center was established after Alexandria employers expressed interest in having such a center in their area. GW was invited to look into the idea in 1994, a year after 75 Alexandria employers wrote to the Alexandria Economic Development Program to say they would "enthusiastically support" such a center.

Programs offered at the center will include a Master of Business Administration Program, as well as programs in information systems, business management, education and human resources.

The center, on Alexandria's King Street near the Metro station, will house seven classrooms and a computer lab.

GW hosts concrete boat race on Potomac

GW will host the 1995 National Concrete Canoe

Competition from June 29 to July 1, bringing engineering students from across the nation to the Potomac to compete for the title of "Capital Canoe."

GW's concrete canoe will be among the competing boats, which must be tested for buoyancy as well as speed over the three-day competition.

The teams must also make academic presentation about the construction, materials and design of their canoes.

The winner will receive \$9,000 in scholarship money donated by Master Builders, Inc., the sponsor of the race.

Trachtenberg receives American Jewish Congress award

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg received the American Jewish Congress's 1995 Spirit of Democracy Award at a ceremony June 9.

The annual award is given to a member community who upholds the principles of democracy. Retired Supreme Court Justice William Brennan is a past recipient of the award.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), a 1953 graduate of the National Law Center, and Rabbi Gerald Serrotta of GW Hillel were on hand at the ceremony to present the award.

Solar car team prepares for Sunrayce '95

The GW solar car team is preparing its new solar car for Sunrayce '95, a cross-country journey from Indiana to Colorado.

The team was featured last week in a Washington Post story about area universities' endeavors to build the best car.

Sunrayce '95 will cover 1,140 miles, starting in Indianapolis, Ind., and finishing in Colorado Springs, Colo.

-Donna Brutkoski



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No alternative

By hotly recruiting New York basketball star and convicted felon Richie Parker, the men's basketball program and the GW administration are trying to bolster the University's reputation. They do not even seem to realize, however, what sort of reputation they are building.

Recruiting Parker could lead to a better basketball squad, which could lead to money-making NCAA tournament appearances and television exposure, which could lead to increased student applications. And perhaps, should Parker turn his life around, it could give GW the image of a savior, a school that was willing to take a chance to help a troubled kid.

But these serendipitous potential ends are in no way justified by the shameless and increasingly embarrassing means taken in order to insure that Parker comes to GW. First, GW ignored the fact that several other universities had the prudence to leave him alone and publicly declared its interest in Parker, who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years' probation for felony sexual abuse. Then, on Thursday, GW offered Parker's victim a full-ride scholarship of her own, despite the fact that she is only entering her junior year of high school and has not even applied for admission.

These two actions point to a shocking lack of proper priorities, not giving GW a growing reputation of an up-and-coming academic institution, but of a school that covets a successful athletic program whatever the cost. If this happens to involve admitting a student who otherwise would never be considered and throwing an extra \$100,000 at his victim in an apparent attempt satisfy all parties concerned, then so be it.

The student body is gone for the summer, substantially reducing any howls of protest and easing GW's courtship. Once Parker signs — and it appears that he will — the debate will be over, leaving students and the greater public to assume that athletics take precedent over academics and ethics. This is not the reputation that anyone at GW wants. That leaves only one solution: the University must stop recruiting Richie Parker immediately. Any other choice is an insult to the GW community.

Come together

Last Sunday's "town meeting" between President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich could be viewed as simply more political jockeying, as a President attempting to avoid becoming overshadowed by a renegade Congressman who is feeling out the role of presidential candidate.

But hopefully, the unprecedented New Hampshire pseudo-summit will lead to more meetings of its kind, in which political differences can be discussed in a more mature fashion.

In purely strategic terms, the meeting was a coup for Gingrich. The brilliant move, staged in the same state that will host the first presidential primary, confirmed Gingrich as a possible front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, even though he may opt not to run. Clinton, although town meetings are one of his strongest suits, looked like an equal with Gingrich, rather than the leader of the United States.

More importantly, however, the meeting could turn out to be a symbolic gesture, one that spurs other legislators to adopt a more a diplomatic approach. For too long, lawmakers have stooped to party politics and mud-slinging rather than facing the issues. Clinton and Gingrich refreshingly "agreed to disagree" on most fronts, simply presenting their philosophies and leaving it up to the audience — and the American people — to decide where they stand. Both men, for once, rose above petty name-calling. Hopefully, it will set a precedent.



GW cannot let basketball overrule morality in Parker recruitment

After everything I've seen happen at this school over my past three years here, I didn't think anything else that happened would bother me as much as this. I am referring, of course, to the latest GW controversy: the recruitment of Richie Parker.

I write this letter as a woman, a student, the president of a GW sorority and a volunteer at the D.C. Rape Crisis Center. I am appalled at the thought that this convicted felon might end up on my campus, simply because he can shoot a basketball and score a few points on the basketball court. This school needs to forget about how well the basketball team could possibly do with Parker being a part of it and focus more on simple morals.

Sexual abuse and violence against women are horrible crimes that are constantly being committed in our society. Through my volunteer work, I have had contact

with many abused and raped women, and their experiences tear them apart. It takes several years to deal with being sexually assaulted, but as a survivor will tell you, the pain never goes away completely. Although many women are able to find the courage they need to go on with their lives, the anger, hurt and stripped feelings remain inside them forever.

Traci
Kaplan

It is hard for me to believe that GW is still considering allowing Parker to attend this school, especially after he has pleaded guilty to the charges against him. Other schools that were pursuing Parker have decided that he is no longer welcome on their campuses. I feel very strongly that GW should fol-

low in their footsteps. It would disgrace to have a student who has been convicted of sexual assault walk this campus.

The people in charge of deciding whether or not Parker is welcome here need to consider his actions and then the reactions of the student body if allowed him to attend GW. Perhaps they do not understand the impact of sexual assault on a woman and therefore are willing to pursue Parker.

My heart goes out to the victim that Parker assaulted. There is no excuse for what he did. Parker should not be allowed to get away with what he has done simply because he is a talented athlete. We all learn our lessons at some point or another, and I feel that at some time Richie Parker learned his lesson ... even if it has to be the hard way.

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GW claims scholarship offer has no connection to Parker

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In a statement that the girl's courage and resilience have made a deep impression on administrators who have come to believe that she represents those qualities that everyone can admire — scholarship, attitude and the ability to rise above adversity."

"We want to emphasize that the university's decision is based solely on the particular circumstances relating to this young woman's academic potential and is no way related to or contingent upon any other recruiting situation currently being pursued by the university."

The girl's attorney, Michael Feldman of the New York law firm Kobayashi and Meyers, told The Post that the girl had a "90" average at Manhattan Center High School before the incident, and that she will accept the offer to come to GW. Independent of the girl's status,

it seems likely that Parker will be offered and will accept a scholarship to play basketball for the Colonials. Last week, he learned that he received a cumulative score of 830 on his Scholastic Aptitude Test, scoring a 360 in English and a 470 in math, according to the New York Daily News.

The score would enable him to be eligible for an athletic scholarship, according to NCAA regulations.

Parker made his official visit to GW in mid-May, when he met with both head coach Mike Jarvis and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg.

He must clear a few more hurdles before he is eligible to play for the Colonials, however. First, the NCAA Clearinghouse must certify that he is eligible for a scholarship, which will not happen until July, The Post reported. Also, the University remains committed to

further considering the matter before making a final decision.

"This decision will involve many factors," GW athletic director Jack Kvancz said. "Many of the University's leaders will be involved, and they also want to measure the opinion of the students as well as the Board of Trustees."

In keeping with NCAA regulations, Kvancz refused to discuss specific issues regarding Parker, but emphasized he wished he could. "The NCAA makes it very clear that if we talk about him, we can forget about recruiting him," he said.

"It's been very frustrating because you read all these stories where we are getting lambasted by newspapers, and we have to sit here with our arms crossed and not defend ourselves," Kvancz added.

—Jim Geraghty contributed to this report.

Harvard case sparks national debate over candor expected of applicants

(CPS) — When Harvard University's faculty admissions committee voted to rescind its offer of admission to Gina Grant in early April, it sparked what has become a national debate on whether the juvenile justice system can protect the anonymity of child offenders and the degree of candor that can be expected of college applicants.

The debate now threatens to overshadow the case of Grant, the 19-year-old Cambridge Rindge and Latin School senior whose offer of early admission was canceled after Harvard received anonymous information that she had bludgeoned her mother to death in 1990.

But these facts, which have been reported in newspapers and on television since the story broke, may not be all that lies at the root of Harvard's decision.

A source on the Faculty Standing Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid, which voted to annul the offer, indicated that Grant may have misrepresented her past in more than one area of her application.

The source said that the media has been focusing too narrowly on an application question pertaining to discipline and academic probation incurred in

high school.

There are three parts to the probation question used on the Common Application: whether a student has been disciplined within the last three years, whether a student has ever been removed from school and whether a student has ever voluntarily left. The Common Application was adopted by Harvard this year to increase applicant diversity.

Although university officials have refused to comment specifically on Grant's case, a statement released by the Harvard News Office in early April said the faculty standing committee had decided to reconsider an application of early admission after "new information" became available.

"The integrity of the admissions process depends upon the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the applicant's file, on which decisions are based," the release said.

According to the news office, an offer of admission could be rescinded if a student fails to graduate, shows a significant drop in performance before graduation, engages in behavior that brings into question honesty, maturity, or moral character, or if any part of the application contains misrepresentations.

CRIME LOG

The following crimes were reported to University Police between June 2 and June 14:

Thefts

- Academic Center, June 14. A GW employee reported the theft of \$1,500 laptop computer from the first floor.
- Academic Center, June 7. A contractor reported the theft of his 2,000 laptop computer from the 11 level.
- Academic Center, June 4. A GW student reported the theft of her wallet from the B-1 level. The wallet contained \$20 and credit cards.
- Bell Hall, June 9. A GW employee reported the theft of approximately \$200 from an office on the second floor.
- Gelman Library, June 6. A GW student reported the theft of a \$50 bicycle.
- Kennedy Onassis Hall, June 6. A resident reported the theft of a telephone and answering machine valued at \$70 from her room on the seventh floor.

- Kennedy Onassis Hall, June 6. A resident reported the theft of four rings valued at \$1,220 from her room on the sixth floor. There were no signs of forced entry.
- Kennedy Onassis Hall, June 6. A GW student reported the theft of two rings valued at \$65 from her room on the sixth floor.
- Lerner Hall, June 10. A GW student reported the theft of his \$300 bicycle from the rear of the building.
- Marvin Center, June 14. A GW student reported the theft of his \$400 bicycle.
- Marvin Center, June 6. A visitor to the University reported the theft of a shopping bag from the GW Bookstore. The shopping bag contained a \$210 camera and other miscellaneous items valued at \$135.
- National Law Center, June 10. A GW student reported the theft of his \$350 bicycle from the rear of the building.
- Stuart Hall, June 7. A GW employee reported the theft of \$60 from her desk.
- Smith Center, June 8. A GW

student reported the theft of her wallet. The wallet contained \$1 and ID.

Harassment

- Guthridge Hall, June 5. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
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- Everglades Hall, June 6. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
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- Munson Hall, June 4. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.
- Rice Hall, June 2. A GW employee reported receiving harassing telephone calls at his office.

Food service provider trying to break contract

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Officials from ServiceMaster's headquarters did not return phone calls for a comment on the situation.

GW is prepared if the contractor stops providing service at the end of the month. The University has reached an agreement with ARAMark Education Services, Inc. to provide service on an interim basis beginning July 1, if needed.

"We're going to do our level best not to get caught off-guard," Freedman said. "We are prepared to engage another firm."

He added that plans are already in place for a smooth transition.

"We are preparing contingencies," Freedman said. "First of all, we're establishing a transition team which will involve students, faculty and staff to ensure a smooth transition if it takes place."

ServiceMaster wrested the contract from Marriott Corp. after quality problems forced GW to seek a new firm to provide dining services. Marriott had been with the University for 27 years.

At the time, the contractor promised to do everything the school asked in terms of improving the quality of dining services on campus.

"It was a kind of a unique situation," Cushman said. "Everything

we've done here has been custom designed, right from scratch. ServiceMaster has worked real hard to be all that the University wanted it to be."

Cushman also said that a smooth transition is important.

"The whole object at this point is to transition in such a way that it's invisible to the students," he said.

He added that it is odd for a provider to seek to terminate its contract after just one year, but he said under extreme circumstances, it does happen.

Both Freedman and Cushman said they did not know what will happen to the management team that has run dining services for ServiceMaster. While most workers will remain with GW even if a new provider is chosen, the management team may change.

"The management people are at a difficult time right now. They don't know where they're going to be," Cushman said.

ServiceMaster has also provided GW with housekeeping and maintenance services since 1976. Freedman said the dining services contract is separate and does not affect the other services, which ServiceMaster will continue to provide.

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SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS BATTLE TO BE THE BIGGEST

Holy awesome sequel, Batman

BY ERIC KERENSKY
HATCHET REPORTER

Michael Keaton had originally agreed to reprise his role as Bruce Wayne/Batman in *Batman Forever* (Warner Bros.), but then abruptly backed out. Val Kilmer quickly snatched up the part, beginning the debate over his abilities to play the part, as well as the audience's acceptance of a new superhero three movies in.

It makes no difference who plays the Winged One, though. The only requirements for the role are moderate good looks, a low monotone voice and the patience to endure pounds of latex for hours on a 100-degree sound stage.

The real star in this movie is Jim Carrey as the mischievous yet likable Riddler. Carrey begins the movie as Edward E. Nigma, a quirky inventor for Wayne Enterprises whose brain manipulator project Wayne personally rejects. Incensed, Nigma transforms from an admirer of the multi-billionaire to a madman bent on revenge.

Carrey performs brilliantly in the role. The modern day master of physical comedy dresses in neon green tights adorned with question marks, accentuating his diabolical motions. Carrey's innumerable voices, cartoon-like facial expressions and nervous energy light up the screen in what would otherwise be a dark and depressing film.

When Jack Nicholson's Joker died in the first film, many fans felt any possibilities of a quality sequel went with him. Indeed 1992 brought *Batman Returns*, a sup-par effort with sup-par villains in Danny DeVito and Michelle Pfeiffer. *Forever's* Carrey represents the light at the end of the tunnel for all Bat fans. His portrayal of the antagonist equals or surpasses Nicholson's. Carrey also has the luxury of a cohort in crime in Two-Face, played by Tommy Lee Jones. Individually he is the weakest villain yet, but alongside The Riddler, the two-dimensional character becomes whole.



One-time cartoon villains come alive to plot superhero Batman's demise in *Batman Forever*.

Visually, the Bat saga has never looked better. At last the Bat gadgets and Gotham City have been brought out of the shadows. For the true fan of Batman's numerous gizmos, this makes for an extra treat. Now when Batman shoots a hang line or drives the newly redesigned Batmobile sideways, the actions are clearly visible, and the production quality fully appreciated.

The stunning visuals and Carrey's breakthrough performance are joined by a strong supporting cast. The biggest surprise is Chris O'Donnell as Dick Grayson/Robin, a young highwire trapeze artist whose parents fall victim to Two-Face. His character brings a much needed level of free spirit and spunk to the normally dark and predictable good guys. Nicole Kidman plays Dr. Chase Meridian, a specialist in schizophrenia and the obligatory stunningly beautiful love interest of both Batman and Wayne.

Batman Forever maintains the look and feel of the first two movies, while vastly improving the action sequences. This can be traced to the replacement of director Tim Burton with Joel Schumacher (*True Lies*), a veteran of action-adventure flicks. The movie's focus on action sequences rather than philosophy illustrate the new direction.

Schumacher, along with new writers, adds a humorous angle. When Meridian hits on Batman, he responds, "The car, right? Chicks dig the car." The lighter tone and dry humor serve the movie well.

The movie is not perfect and certain questions are left unanswered as the credits roll. As authorities search for the Riddler's hideout, why does no one notice the 500-foot glowing green hourglass sitting on a metal island in Gotham Harbor? Furthermore, why does the police commissioner look to be 79 years old and appear in his pajamas, just out of bed, every time he is on camera?

New characters and a new director make this sequel better than the original. *Batman Forever* is a definite must-see this summer. Believe the hype, spend the seven bucks and check out all the new Bat gadgets.

BY DONNA BRUTKOSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

OK, so Disney's *Pocahontas* is admittedly not a historically accurate account of the relationship between one of Virginia's first English settlers and the Native American princess who saved his life.

But those who are complaining about that fact are not getting the big picture. *Pocahontas* is not intended to be a history lesson. It's a movie, and we all know that Hollywood takes liberties with history from time to time (*JFK*, *Jefferson in Paris*). But this film messes not only with history, but also somewhat with the tried-and-true Disney formula — with interesting but less-than-perfect results.

Pocahontas, somewhat older than the 12-year-old who really met Captain John Smith on the banks of the James River, is confused about her destiny. She consults her best friend, her father Chief Powhatan and a talking tree named Grandmother Willow, but gets no answers until Smith's ship, filled with English settlers, comes sailing into view. The two meet and with the help of the kindly talking tree, begin a clandestine romance.

The settlers and the Indians, meanwhile, are of course squaring off against each other, while the lovers try to stop the madness from escalating. *Pocahontas'* rescue of Smith, as her father is about to kill the Englishman, is more or less the way they tell it in the history books, with a basic "why can't we all just get along" speech thrown in for good measure.

Disney didn't tamper too much with its recipes for protagonists for the film. The character of *Pocahontas* is more or less a reworking of the Disney heroines from *Aladdin* and *The Little Mermaid*. She's smart, sassy and sexy, and of course she gets her man in the end. The animators do make her unique by drawing her as a Native American princess should be portrayed, with a wild regality. She is as comfortable and graceful creeping through the rushes to spy on Smith as she is

welcoming her tribe's warrior home from battle.

Smith, too, is a reworking of previous Disney Prince Charming, but with a touch more humor. He is voiced by Mel Gibson, who only speaks Smith's lines but does a fine job of singing.

The movie is simply too much of a drama. Disney animated films have always been a lot of fun, between the mushy romance, the Indian-settler conflict and the environmentalist sentiment. *Pocahontas* is way too serious. There are some laughs, mostly provided by a raccoon and a hummingbird who make up *Pocahontas'* entourage. The animals don't do anything Disney usually allows them to do, but the visual humor is still entertaining. It's not enough to lighten the mood though.

In a film trying to be so serious the villain isn't really that scary either. Disney films have always brought great bad guys, from *Aladdin's* Jafar. Here we get a greedy Governor Ratcliffe, voiced by David Ogden Stiers. "M*A*S*H," who looks like a Captain Hook and isn't half as scary.

Another flaw is the music — many of the songs seem destined to become as well-loved as some of the numbers from Disney's previous films, like *The Little Mermaid's* "Under the Sea" or *The Lion King's* "Hakuna Matata." One thing, none of them are as paced or energetic enough. The song, "Colors of the Wind," probably do nicely on the charts (the radio version on the soundtrack is sung by Vanessa Williams). The others, however, are easily forgettable.

One thing Disney hasn't messed with is the animation, which is beautifully done. The animators use computer-generated effects to their advantage, making the movie that shroud the Virginia show seem real enough to touch.

Disney films have always been able to stretch the limits of creativity while remaining within the mold that works. This time, they seem to have changed the mold something that just wasn't necessary. Maybe they should stick to the fairy tales.

Desperation leads to creativity

BY KAREN D. ANCILLAI
ARTS EDITOR

So often when we pass homeless people on the street, we avert eye contact with them or brush off their pleas for spare change with a muttered "Sorry." We may feel pity, we may feel disgust, but usually only for a moment before we resume thinking about our own lives. We rarely pass homeless people and marvel at their creative genius and walk away with their image imprinted on our minds.

Margaret Morton did recognize something special and unique about the homeless people she passed in New York City. In 1989,

she began photographing the structures they erected for shelter, exploring the way humans define their personal living space. The impressive fruits of her labor can be seen at the National Building Museum in an exhibit entitled *Fragile Dwelling: Photographs of Homeless Communities* by Margaret Morton.

The exhibit focuses on several communities, all of which have since been demolished. The temporary nature of the constructs was one of the reasons Morton felt an immediate need to photograph them.

Bushville was a community which housed mostly Puerto Ricans on the Lower East Side. It

is unknown if Hector "Guineo" Amezcua had the president in mind when he found a sign bearing the moniker and nailed it to his home.

All the homes were built and furnished with cast-offs from the streets the inhabitants roamed daily. The results were impressive and often unbelievable. Yi Lee Poi lived on The Hill outside Chinatown. His wood and cardboard home was held together entirely with pieces of string.

Morton's photos document not only the physical buildings but also the lives and interrelations of the people building and occupying them. Jimmy's house at the entrance to the Hill had a peephole so he could monitor people coming and going, like the Neighborhood Watch. The sense of community displayed in these photos show that sometimes there isn't much of a difference between people with homes and those without them.



Guineo worked daily on his home, which was complete with a garden.

Fragile Dwelling: Photographs of Homeless Communities by Margaret Morton continues through Nov. 8, 1995 at National Building Museum. For information, call (202) 272-2444.

SPORTS

Jarvis still waiting for Celtics' decision Carr conclusion expected shortly

JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

The jury is still out on whether V men's basketball coach Mike Jarvis will be coaching the NBA's Boston Celtics next season. Several newspapers in the area reported that M.L. Carr, the Celtics' director of basketball operations, is expected to reach a decision early this week. Carr is heading the search for the Celtics organization. In addition to Jarvis, the Boston media have mentioned Carr, former Detroit Pistons coach Don Chaney and San Antonio Spurs assistant coach Dave Cowens as leading candidates for the position.

"Mike has made it very clear that he'd like to coach the Boston Celtics," Carr told The Washington Post last week. "He said it's like a dream for him. I think he has the abilities necessary to coach at this level."

Even if Jarvis is not selected to be the Celtics' new coach, many see Carr as a good experience for both



Mike Jarvis

the coach and the University.

"Of course, he still could get the job, which would be great for him," said GW's Director of Athletics Jack Kvancz. "But assuming he doesn't, this situation has been a win for Mike and a win for GW. He interviewed very well, and for us, it didn't hurt because this came after the recruiting period. And in the future, any high school player with pro aspirations may come here because they know he's considered that type of coach."

-Ben Osborne contributed to this report.

Bowman swims across Chesapeake

GW swimmer wins women's race, is fifth overall in Bay Swim

BY JIM GERAGHTY
SPORTS EDITOR

GW's All-American swimmer Bambi Bowman added yet another trophy to her long list of accomplishments when she won the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim last Sunday with a time of 1 hour, 34 minutes, and 12 seconds.

In addition to winning the women's race, Bowman took fifth overall in the 4 1/2 mile race that included more than 500 entrants.

Meghan Mitchell, a 1995 GW graduate and former swim team member took third among the women and eighth overall.

Chris Derks, a recent GW master's degree candidate, won the men's race in 1:32:06.

"I was pretty happy. I think it's a precursor to my upcoming race," said Bowman.

She will compete in the 25K U.S. championship in Lake Lanier near Atlanta, Georgia, next week. Outdoor swimming presents a new set of challenges for swimmers like Bowman.

"It's something different from pool swimming. It's a change of pace. You have factors you can't control like the tide, current and weather," she said.

The length of the race is also different than the indoor competitions the GW swim team faces.

"The longest race we have in



Hatchet file photo

GW's Bambi Bowman thrashes through the pool in a meet against the University of Virginia earlier this year.

the pool is 16 minutes. The races we do outdoors often last five or six hours, and we did one that was 10 hours," Bowman said. "It was 37 kilometers against a current in Atlantic City. Compared to that, (the Chesapeake Bay Swim) seemed like a sprint."

Bowman was recently named All-American at the NCAA Division I Championships in the

500-yard freestyle event. Last summer, she won the U.S. 25K National Open and represented the United States in Italy where she took fifth place.

Bowman is a two-time Atlantic 10 Conference Swimmer of the Year, 1993 Atlantic 10 Freshman of the Year and the 1994 East Coast Athletic Association Swimmer of the Championship Meet.

GW FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

MATT BONESTEEL
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

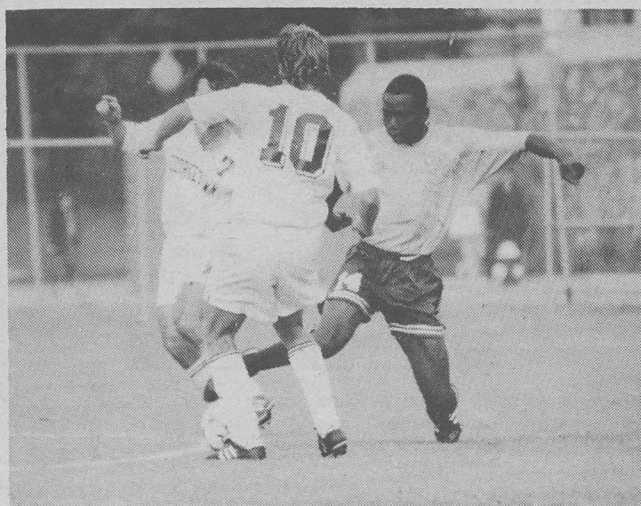
Women's Volleyball

After a great year in 1994, when they went 32-4 and made it to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, the Colonial Women are looking to maintain their winning ways in 1995. All but one starter are returning, including All-American Vetyurina. Last season, Vetyurina became only the 10th player in Division I to ever tally 2,000 career kills. Joining Vetyurina on the starting line are Jill Lammert, Hong Ta, Kate Haubenreich, and Anna Krimmel.

The Colonial Women have also added a strong recruiting class to complement the veterans on the team. Tai Bethune, a 11 outside and middle attacker from Honolulu, Hawaii, brings her 25-inch vertical leap to the court.

Kara Deringer comes to GW from West Fargo, N.D., where she was the state volleyball player of the year. Michigan prep standout Mya Eveland also joins the Colonial Women. An all-state selection, Eveland is described by Homan as "very experienced" and should make an immediate impact as a blocker.

From the traditionally strong volleyball state of Nebraska comes Megan Korver. Korver was a four year starter on both volleyball and basketball high school teams.



Men's Soccer

Head Coach George Lidster hopes his Colonials will bounce back from a disappointing 1994 campaign when they went 4-12-1.

Leading the team will be senior forward Stephen Matsen, who is among the all-time leading scorers in school history. The Ferry brothers, Matt and Ben, also look to help the team return to the Atlantic 10 Championship. Returning to goal is Ward McIntyre, who started every game for the Colonials last year.

The Colonials have signed only one recruit this year. Craig Jones should step right in and make an immediate impact for the team. He hails from Wales in the United Kingdom, where he was captain of the national schoolboy team.

The new A-10 will greatly affect Colonials' soccer, Lidster said, now that perennial champion Rutgers left to join the Big East Conference.

The Fordham Rams, new to the A-10 next year, "used to be a powerhouse until they joined the Patriot League and lost all of their scholarships," Lidster said. He added that "now that they have their scholarships back, they should be good again."

Women's Soccer

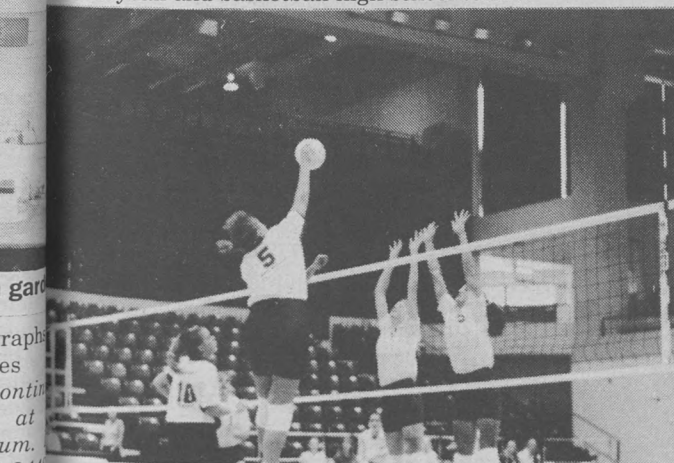
After a 1994 season in which they achieved their first ever top-20 ranking, the Colonial Women look to improve on their second place finish in the A-10. The key to this year's team is experience, as the team returns almost all of its starters.

Sophomore Kristin Robertson and senior Kristin Davidson lead the offensive attack for the Colonial Women at the mid-field position. Sophomore Chemar Smith looks to make another significant impact this year at the forward position. Senior Maggie Miller is the glue that holds the defensive line together. Junior goalkeeper Traci Jensen looks to maintain her success at that position and keep the starting job she won last year.

Seven newcomers look to add their skills to the powerful Colonial Women's attack. Forward/defender Jill Garlesky from Cincinnati, Ohio, has played with the U.S. Regional Team and the Ohio State Team. Joining her is Jane Anderson from Huntington, N.Y., who was an All-State selection. Alyssa Newman, an all conference midfielder, joins after transferring from Carnegie Mellon University.

Two new recruits will help back up Jensen in goal. Amy Pederson, from Anchorage, Alaska, was an All-State selection, and Kristy McDonnell was named to the first team for the southern part of New Jersey.

Rounding out the newcomers on this year's team are Selin Yavalar and Trista Ungerer. Yavalar, from nearby Bethesda, Md., is the daughter of former GW men's soccer player Derya Yavalar. Midfielder Ungerer hails from perennial New York state powerhouse West Genesee high school.



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